

18. (New) The device according to claim 11, wherein:

the contact section has a radial extension directed inward and an axial extension extending axially over the radial extension, the axial extension transmitting the hold-down force to the fuel injector, the radial extension engaging a disassembling groove of the fuel injector in order to transmit a disassembling force to the fuel injector.

19. (New) The device according to claim 18, wherein:

the radial extension surrounds the fuel injector in a smaller angular area than at least one of the jacket body and the collar section.

20. (New) The device according to claim 11, wherein:

the device is manufactured from a piece of sheet metal by deep drawing.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-10 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/03143 and adds new claims 11-20. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

The above amendments to the specification and abstract conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules, and do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/03143 includes an International Search Report, dated March 2, 2000. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the Search Report is included herewith.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful.

Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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